

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1           1. (Currently amended) A vehicle armrest hinged  
2 structure comprising:  
3           a support;  
4           a hinge on said support and having at least one hinge arm  
5 swingable about a hinge axis on said support;  
6           an armrest connected by said hinge with said support and  
7 swingable about said axis through a predetermined maximum angular  
8 range; and  
9           a disengaging element on said armrest normally engaged  
10 with said arm and enabling joint rotation of said hinge arm and  
11 said armrest, but disengaging said arm upon application of a force  
12 to said armrest exceeding a limiting force upon swinging of said  
13 armrest relative to said support, said armrest being detachable and  
14 removable from said hinge and separable from said axis when said  
15 limiting force is exceeded.

1           2. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined in  
2 claim 1 wherein said disengaging element is a member slidable  
3 longitudinally in a guide formed in said armrest and engaging a  
4 free end of said arm, said armrest disengaging from said arm with a  
5 rotational movement.

1           3. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined in  
2 claim 2, further comprising a stop in said armrest limiting the  
3 displacement of said disengaging element.

1           4. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 3,  
2 further comprising a compression spring bearing on said disengaging  
3 element.

1           5. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 4  
2 wherein said disengaging element is composed of an elastic  
3 material.

1           6. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 5  
2 wherein said elastic material is an elastic synthetic resin.

1           7. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined in  
2 claim 5, further comprising a bevel on one of said elements and  
3 said arm for camming said arm out of engagement with said element  
4 upon displacement of said armrest with said force exceeding  
5 limiting force.

1           8. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 7  
2 wherein said disengaging element engages in a notch in a free end  
3 of said arm.

1           9. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined in  
2 claim 8 wherein said armrest has a base provided with an opening in  
3 which said arm is received, said arm being positioned between upper  
4 and lower walls of said base.

1           10. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined  
2 in claim 9 wherein said arm is provided with a notch opposite a  
3 free end of said arm and said armrest is a projection engaging in  
4 said notch.

1           11. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 10  
2 wherein said projection is rounded.